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SUBJECT: SOVIET EMBASSY HOLDS PRESS CONFERENCE

1. THE SOVIET EMBASSY ISSUED AN INVITATION TO TO "PRESS ATTACHES" OF OTHER FOREIGN MISSIONS IN VIENTIANE TO ATTEND A JULY 1 PRESS CONFERENCE CONDUCTED BY SOVIET AMBASSADOR TO LAOS MITROFANE PODOLSKI WHO NOTED THE "SOVIET PEOPLES" PREPARTATION FOR THE CELEBRATION OF THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE GRAND OCTOBER SOCIALIST REVOLUTION."

2. REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL OF THE COMMUNIST MISSIONS EXCEPT THE CHINESE AND CAMBODIANS PLUS REPRESENTATIVES FROM SOME WESTERN MISSIONS THOUGH NOT THE FRENCH, BRITISH, AUSTRALIAN, THAI, JAPANESE OR WEST GERMAN, ATTENDED THE CONFERENCE.
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3. AMBASSADOR PODOLSKI READ IN RUSSIAN FROM A PREPARED THIRTY MINUTE TEXT (FRENCH AND LAO TEXTS WERE PROVIDED) AFTER WHICH PODOLSKI, THROUTH HIS INTERPRETER, CALLED FOR QUESTIONS. THERE WERE NONE.

4. PODOLSKI'S SPEECH WAS STANDARD COMMUNIST FARE, IN

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WHICH HE CLAIMED GREAT PROGRESS IN SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AT HOME AND AN INTERNATIONALLY RECOGNIZED WORLD LEADERSHIP ROLE. HE NOTED CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES FROM ABROAD MARKING THE 60TH ANNIVERSARY, INCLUDING PUBLICATION OF THE TEXT OF A CCCPSU RESOLUTION IN THE LAO PARTY NEWSPAPER. HE ALSO QUOTED GENERAL SECRETARY KAYSONE'S RESPONSE TO A SOVIET INTERVIEWER'S QUESTION REGARDING THE INFLUENCE OF THE SOVIET REVOLUTION ON THE LPRP: "DURING OUR STRUGGLE AGAINST COLONIALISM AND NEO-COLONIALISM FOR OUR NATIONAL SALVATION, THE SPIRIT OF THE GRAND OCTOBER SOCIALIST REVOLUTION AND THE TEACHINGS OF THE STRUGGLE OF THE RUSSIAN PROLETARIANS HAVE HELPED US TO APPLY THE OBJECTIVE LAWS OF THE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT TO LAO REALITIES."

5. CONCLUDING HIS PRESENTATION, PODOLSKI SAID: "FOR ITS PART, THE LENINIST PARTY CONSIDERS ITS ACTIVITY AND EXPERIENCE TO BE A COMPOSITION OF THE ACTIVITY AND EXPERIENCE OF ALL THE COMMUNIST MOVEMENTS."

6. THE PRESS CONFERENCE COINCIDED WITH THE 56TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE CHINESE COMMUNIST PARTY, THOUGH PODOLSKI'S TEXT CONTAINED NO REFERENCE TO THE PRC.
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